

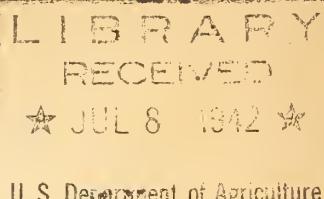
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Changes in the National Poultry Improvement Plan Adopted and
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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Page 2, Regulation 1, Paragraph 6. Changed to read as follows:

Flock-selecting agent.--A person who has taken a course of training in and passed an examination on (1) standardbred and production judging prescribed by the State college of agriculture or other properly constituted State agency and (2) the National Poultry Improvement Plan provisions as applied in the State, and who has been authorized by the official State agency to do the flock-selecting work as provided for in the U. S. Approved and U. S. Certified breeding stages. During the war emergency, and to take care of individual cases only, the official State agency may, at its discretion, authorize flock-selecting agents who have not taken the specified course of training. Only those persons who have demonstrated to the official State agency through work in the field that they are capable of doing satisfactory selecting work may be so authorized.

2. Page 2, Regulation 1, Paragraph 7. Changed to read as follows:

State pullorum tester.--A State livestock sanitary authority, an official of the State college of agriculture, or a similarly authorized State employee, or an employee of the official State agency, who has training in pullorum-testing technique, a working knowledge of the National Poultry Improvement Plan provisions as applied in the State, and other qualifications necessary to do the pullorum-testing work as provided for in the plan.

3. Page 2, Regulation 1, Paragraph 8. Changed to read as follows:

Pullorum-testing agent.--A person who has taken a course of training in and passed an examination on (1) pullorum testing as prescribed by the State livestock sanitary authorities or officials of the State college of agriculture and (2) the National Poultry Improvement Plan provisions as applied in the State, and who has been authorized by the official State agency to do the pullorum-testing work as provided for in the U. S. Pullorum-Tested and U. S. Pullorum-Controlled classes. During the war emergency, and to take care of individual cases only, the official State agency may, at its discretion, authorize pullorum-testing agents who have not taken the specified course of training. Only those persons who have demonstrated to the official State agency through work in the field that they are capable of doing satisfactory testing work may be so authorized.

Note.--The page numbers in these regulations refer to the June 1941 edition of U. S. Department of Agriculture Miscellaneous Publication 300, "The National Poultry Improvement Plan."

4. Page 2, Regulation 1. Added as a new paragraph the definition of an official label, as follows:

Official label.--A label, secured through or approved by the official State agency, on which are indicated the product, the breeding stage, and the pullorum class.

5. Page 3, Regulation 13. Changed to read as follows:

With the approval of the official State agency, crossbred hatching eggs and chicks may be produced and sold by members operating under the plan, provided the parent stock is well selected for good vitality, growth, market quality, egg production, feathering, and egg size. The parent stock must also be leg-banded and the flock inspected as required in the U. S. Approved breeding stage. These flocks shall be designated as U. S. Approved Crossbred flocks, and hatching eggs or chicks from such flocks shall be designated as U. S. Approved Crossbred hatching eggs or chicks, with a descriptive phrase designating the breed of the males and the breed of the females used in the cross. (The breed of the male shall be designated first in all crosses.)

6. Page 3, Regulation 14. Changed to read as follows:

When more than one hatchery located within a State is operated under the same name, ownership, or management, one or more of these hatcheries may not participate in the plan unless all of them participate. In the event that any person, firm, or corporation has nonparticipating hatcheries in other States, no chicks or hatching eggs shall be shipped to the participating hatcheries from the nonparticipating hatcheries.

7. Page 5, Regulation 24. Added the following sentence:

Where descriptive terms are used, in addition to the official terminology of the plan, such terms must be clearly explained in the advertising. (e.g., If more than one hatchery grade of U. S. Approved chicks is offered for sale and the chicks in one of such grades are sired entirely by U. S. R. O. P. males, it is sufficient and proper to describe such a grade as "U. S. Approved chicks sired by U.S.R.O.P. males.")

U. S. APPROVED BREEDING STAGE

8. Page 6, Paragraph 4. Added to second sentence:

except that during the war emergency and with the approval of the official State agency the number of inspections may be reduced to a minimum of 15 percent of these flocks.

Changed third sentence to read:

The State inspector shall determine which flocks shall be inspected and the inspection shall consist in the physical examination of a sufficient number of males and females to satisfy him that the flock is worthy of approval.

U. S. VERIFIED BREEDING STAGE

9. Page 6, Section 2. Eliminated U. S. Verified breeding stage from the plan.

U. S. CERTIFIED BREEDING STAGE

10. Adopted by the conference, subject to ratification by mail ballot of official State agencies:

Flock-selecting agents may be permitted to select and leg-band males that are to be used to head U. S. Certified flocks, such selection to be subject to spot checking by State inspectors for final approval.

This may be accomplished by changing the last sentence in Paragraph 1, Section 3, page 7, to read as follows:

The males and females shall be selected by either a State inspector or a flock-selecting agent once each year and, if selected by a flock-selecting agent, inspected by a State inspector at least once during the year. This flock inspection shall consist in the examination of a sufficient number of males and females and the checking of the wing bands on a sufficient number of males to satisfy the State inspector that the flock is worthy of certification.

And be rewording Paragraph 20, page 12, to read as follows:

U. S. R. O. P. males.--Males produced from U. S. R. O. P. chicks shall qualify as U. S. R. O. P. males, provided they shall have passed the final individual inspection of a State inspector not earlier than at 6 months of age, except that a flock-selecting agent may be permitted to select and leg-band U. S. R. O. P. males for use in U. S. Certified flocks. The State inspector shall examine a sufficient number of the males selected and leg-banded by each flock-selecting agent to determine that the selection was satisfactory. Each male passed by an inspector or flock-selecting agent shall possess strong constitutional vigor and be a good representative of the breed and variety as designated in the American Standard of Perfection, shall be free from standard disqualifications, and shall be banded with a U. S. R. O. P. scaled and numbered official leg band when selected. At the time of selection and banding the inspector or flock-selecting agent shall make a complete record of the wing-and leg-band numbers of each male banded. Privately pedigreed males etc.....

U. S. RECORD OF PERFORMANCE BREEDING STAGE

11. Page 9, Paragraph 7. Changed to read as follows:

All birds trap-nested daily, and during the war emergency all birds trap-nested 6 days a week or 5 days a week, on the premises of a U. S. R. O. P. breeder, shall be considered as entered under U. S. R. O. P. supervision with the following exceptions....

12. Page 10, Paragraph 10. Added a new item between items b and c:

Number of pullets entered which are individually pedigreed.

13. Page 10, Paragraph 12. Second sentence changed to read as follows:

It shall be his duty to visit and inspect the work of each U.S.R.O.P. breeder at least 5 times each year, his visits to be so timed that each season of the year shall be represented in his reports. At least 3 of these visits shall be unannounced.

14. Page 11, Paragraph 14. Added to first sentence:

except that during the war emergency the official State agency may approve as a substitute for daily trap nesting of U.S.R.O.P. candidates (a) 6-day-a-week trap-nesting (the official egg record to be computed by multiplying the trap-nest record by 7/6), or (b) 5-day-a-week trap-nesting (the official egg record to be computed by multiplying the trap-nest record by 7/5).

15. Page 11, Added new paragraph following Paragraph 14:

U.S.R.O.P. qualification through egg-laying tests.-- The U.S.R.O.P. breeder who desires to have his laying-test entry considered as entered in U.S.R.O.P. shall make application in writing to the manager of the test not later than January 1. The manager of the laying test will be expected to keep a special record on such entries on N.P.I.P. Form 17, Report of Birds Entered in Egg-Laying Tests by U.S.R.O.P. Breeders. At the end of the laying-test year the birds shall be examined for final qualification and officially leg-banded by the manager of the laying test, the R.O.P. inspector in the State where the test is located, or both, as recommended by the official State agency. Effective at the beginning of the 1943-44 laying-test year only those entries of U.S.R.O.P. breeders who are doing home trap-nesting of pullets of the same breed and variety under R.O.P. supervision or entries consisting of groups of 4 or more individually pedigreed full sisters shall be eligible for U.S.R.O.P. entry and qualification.

16. Page 12, Paragraph 18. Added to last sentence:

except that for the duration of the war the weight of each female entered in U.S.R.O.P. shall be taken at least twice between January 1 and June 1, one weight may be taken by the breeder and one or more shall be taken by the inspector. The average of these weights shall be used for the purpose of qualifying for U.S.R.O.P.

17. Page 13, Paragraphs 24 and 27. Paragraph 24 deleted and the third sentence of Paragraph 27 changed to read as follows:

When eggs are incubated to produce U.S.R.O.P. chicks, an accurate record of the number of eggs from each hen with her pen number and a record of all chicks banded shall be furnished the R.O.P. supervisor on N.P.I.P. Form 8 or a substitute form within 5 days after the date of hatch.

18. Page 13, Paragraph 26. Changed to read as follows:

U.S.R.O.P. hatching eggs.--U.S.R.O.P. hatching eggs shall come only from U.S.R.O.P. matings. Such eggs offered for sale shall weigh at least 2 ounces

each and 25 ounces or more to the dozen except that no minimum weight requirements shall apply to eggs from U.S.R.O.M. dams. Each egg shall bear the U.S.R.O.P. number of the hen that laid it and the number of the mating.

19. Pages 13 and 14, Paragraph 28. Inserted the following between the first and second sentences:

During the first year of U.S.R.O.P. breeding work carried on by any breeder, the male used in a U.S.R.O.P. candidate mating need not be a U.S.R.O.P. male, provided he is of equal pedigree. Such males may be used in similar matings during the second year of U.S.R.O.P. breeding work, if reinspected and passed by the inspector, but not thereafter unless they qualify as U.S.R.O.M. males.

20. Pages 13 and 14, Paragraph 28. Changed last sentence to read as follows:

The male progeny of the females which qualify as U.S.R.O.P. females may qualify as U.S.R.O.P. males for use on the breeder's own premises and to head U. S. Certified flocks in the State where produced, provided they meet all the requirements of U.S.R.O.P. males except that of being produced from U.S.R.O.P. chicks.

21. Page 14. Added the following as a new paragraph at the end of the U. S. Record of Performance breeding stage:

Trial matings.— With the approval of the official State agency a U.S.R.O.P. breeder may make trial matings in which a non-U.S.R.O.P. male may be mated to either U.S.R.O.P. or non-U.S.R.O.P. females. No hatching eggs, baby chicks, or breeding stock may be sold from such matings. The females from such matings may be entered as U.S.R.O.P. candidates, provided they are reasonably good representatives of the breed or variety as designated in the American Standard of Perfection. Such males and females, including those females referred to in the second sentence of Paragraph 21, page 13, that meet the progeny-test requirement for U.S.R.O.M. shall be considered as having met the requirements for U.S.R.O.M. and U.S.R.O.P. and may be officially leg-banded as such. The sons from such matings may be eligible to qualify as U.S.R.O.P. males after their sires and dams qualify for U.S.R.O.M., provided they are reasonably good representatives of the breed and variety as designated in the American Standard of Perfection.

U. S. REGISTER OF MERIT BREEDING STAGE

No changes. (See recommendation for the establishment of an Honor Roll for High Viability as a part of the annual Directory of U. S. Register of Merit Sires and Dams.)

U. S. PULLORUM-CONTROL AND ERADICATION CLASSES

22. Page 14, Section 1. Inserted new provision between Paragraphs 1 and 2:

All pullorum tests of flocks in any pullorum-control and eradication class or candidates for any class must be reported to the official State agency, and reactors occurring in unofficial tests shall be considered on the same basis as reactors in official tests.

23. Page 16, Paragraph 14. Added the following:

except that during the war emergency and with the approval of the official State agency the number of inspections may be reduced to a minimum of 15 percent of these flocks.

General Recommendations Made and Approved by the Conference

1. That an emergency executive committee, consisting of 6 members representing different sections of the country, shall be elected by the official delegates of this conference, said committee to serve "for the duration" or until the next conference. This emergency executive committee shall have authority to make only such administrative changes as may be necessitated by emergency conditions which may arise due to the war, such administrative changes to remain in effect until the next National Poultry Improvement Plan conference or until rescinded by the committee itself. It is distinctly understood that this committee has no authority to change any of the basic provisions of the breeding stages or pullorum-control and eradication classes of the plan.

The following persons were elected by the delegates as members of this committee:

A. H. Demke, Texas Baby Chick Assn., Stephenville, Texas, Chairman
G. S. Vickers, Ohio Poultry Improvement Assn., Columbus, Ohio, Secretary
Roy E. Jones, Conn. Poultry Improvement Assn., Inc., Storrs, Conn.
W. A. Lundy, President, Georgia Baby Chick Assn., Pine Mountain
Valley, Ga.
Henry J. Hansen, Secretary-Treasurer, Washington Poultry Improvement
Assn., Puyallup, Wash.
Dr. George F. Ghostley, Minnesota Poultry Improvement Board, Anoka, Minn.

2. That a standing committee be appointed to interpret the breed standards (including meat type, fleshing qualities, and minimum body weights) in their application to the various breeding stages of the plan for the principal breeds and varieties represented in the plan.

(The membership of this committee will be announced at a later date.)

3. That an Honor Roll for High Viability be established in the U. S. Record of Performance breeding stage. Birds listed on this honor roll must meet the requirements of having 90 percent or more of all daughters entered in U.S.R.O.P. alive at the completion of the trap-nest record year; the minimum number of daughters entered must be 40 for each sire and 8 for each dam. It is further recommended that this honor roll be published as a part of the annual Directory of U. S. Register of Merit Sires and Dams.
4. That a standing committee, consisting of National Poultry Improvement Plan official State agency representatives from States engaged in organized turkey-improvement work be appointed to assist the turkey-improvement committee of the National Turkey Federation in drafting a National Turkey Improvement Plan.

(This recommendation was made at the request of the chairman of the National Turkey Federation committee.)

The following persons were appointed members of this committee:

Dr. C. E. Holmes, Oregon Poultry Improvement Board, Corvallis, Ore.,
Chairman
A. J. Lanz, North Dakota Poultry Improvement Board, Bismarck, N.D.
Dr. R. C. Bradley, Poultry Department, University of New Hampshire,
Durham, N. H.
Dr. J. Holmes Martin, Baby Chick Dept., State Poultry Assn. of
Indiana, Inc., La Fayette, Ind.
G. P. McCarthy, Extension Poultry Husbandman, Texas A. and M. College,
College Station, Tex.
J. E. Humphrey, Kentucky Poultry Improvement Assn., Lexington, Ky.
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